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In re the application of: **Satoshi AOYAGI et al.**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 17 and 34 as follows.

17. (Amended) A fuel cell power supply unit according to claim 1, in which the reacting gas supply amount to said fuel cell is obtained based on a target generation command value after calculating a target output command value for a driving motor and a target generation command value of said fuel cell based on the input signals indicating the driving state of a vehicle obtained at predetermined intervals, wherein the width of the variation of electrical load obtained from the difference between two successively

obtained target generation command values is controlled so as to be within a predetermined range of the difference.

34. (Amended) A fuel cell power supply unit according to claim 18, in which the reacting gas supply amount to said fuel cell is obtained based on a target generation command value after calculating a target output command value for a driving motor and a target generation command value of said fuel cell based on the input signals indicating the driving state of a vehicle obtained at predetermined intervals, wherein the width of the variation of electrical load obtained from the difference between two successively obtained target generation command values is controlled so as to be within a predetermined range of the difference.

REMARKS

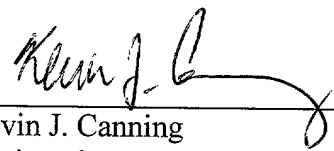
Preliminary to examination of this application, please amend claims 17 and 34 as set forth above. These amendments attend to minor formal matters by removing multiple dependencies, and are not related to issues of patentability. Support for the amendment to the claim can be found throughout the specification, Figures and claims as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments introduce no new matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 17 and 34 as follows:

17. (Amended) A fuel cell power supply unit according to ~~one of claims 1 to 16~~, in which the reacting gas supply amount to said fuel cell is obtained based on a target generation command value after calculating a target output command value for a driving motor and a target generation command value of said fuel cell based on the input signals indicating the driving state of a vehicle obtained at predetermined intervals, wherein the width of the variation of electrical load obtained from the difference between two successively obtained target generation command values is controlled so as to be within a predetermined range of the difference.

34. (Amended) A fuel cell power supply unit according to ~~one of claims 18 to 33~~, in which the reacting gas supply amount to said fuel cell is obtained based on a target generation command value after calculating a target output command value for a driving motor and a target generation command value of said fuel cell based on the input signals indicating the driving state of a vehicle obtained at predetermined intervals, wherein the width of the variation of electrical load obtained from the difference between two successively obtained target generation command values is controlled so as to be within a predetermined range of the difference.